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**REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER PLEADS GUILTY TO
FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Stanley Don Fields, age 45, of Round Rock, a registered sex offender, pleaded guilty today in federal court in Austin to one count of possessing child pornography. As a result of his guilty plea, Fields faces between 10 and 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

In 2006 and 2007, Fields had purchased subscriptions to several Internet websites containing child pornography. On August 21, 2007, federal agents obtained a search warrant for Fields' residence in Round Rock. Among other things, agents seized two computers which, upon forensic analysis, were found to contain over one thousand visual depictions of child pornography in digital format, including both still images and videos, which depicted children ranging from toddlers to early teens engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Some of the still images and video depicted the sexual exploitation of children involving bondage and sadomasochistic activities.

Sentencing for Fields has not yet been scheduled.

This Project Safe Childhood case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

Project Safe Childhood (PSC) aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is well-known and serious; the danger of the production, distribution, and possession of child pornography is equally dramatic and disturbing. The response to these growing problems must be coordinated, comprehensive, and robust. It must aim to investigate and prosecute vigorously, and protect and assist victimized children. At the same time, it must recognize the need for a broad, community-based effort to protect our children and to guarantee to future generations the opportunities of the American dream.

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